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## CAPITOL HILL REPORT

by Nancy Roth

This is the second monthly report to the community since I assumed the job of Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL). We will use this space on a regular basis to report on recent developments on Capitol Hill and on ways GRNL and other community organizations are responding to them. It's been a very busy—and promising—end of the year.

### The 1984 Elections

The November elections made little change in the philosophical make-up of the new Congress. The new Senate will have a net gain of two progressive members—who may be sympathetic to gay people; the new House lost 4 or 5 members whom we might have expected to be supportive of our interests. All but one of the 74 co-sponsors of the Gay Civil Rights Bill in the House were reelected; none of the Senate co-sponsors sought reelection, although Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts did choose to retire. Moreover, two-thirds of those who received contributions from the Human Rights Campaign Fund—the gay political action committee (PAC)—were elected.

In cooperation with the other national gay organizations, we intend to focus our efforts at gaining new co-sponsors for the gay rights bills on such new senators as Paul Simon (Illinois) and John Kerry (Massachusetts) and such new representatives as Chet Atkins (Massachusetts) and John Miller (Washington). Some of the current members will also be approached for co-sponsorship, members such as Senator Levin (Michigan) and Representative Conte (Massachusetts) and Schneider (Rhode Island). If you have any contacts with any of these members, especially if you are a constituent of one or another of them, please write letters and/or make phone calls and let them know of your support for their co-sponsorship. Please send us copies of any correspondence between you and any of them.

### Gay/Lesbian National Leadership Forum

On November 30, representatives of 17 national organizations that have an interest in gay/lesbian issues met in Washington. The meeting was convened under the auspices of GRNL to discuss ways for national groups to cooperate on issues of common interest. For too long, there has been a lack of real cooperation among the gay and lesbian organizations, and this meeting was an attempt to begin a dialogue and work on a united strategy, not just with other political organizations, but with religious, health, social, and other kinds of organizations as well.

The meeting was characterized by frank and candid discussion of the problems facing us, agreement on the need for a higher degree of professionalism in our movement, and an obvious desire to

work together in the future. In that spirit, we agreed to meet again in March for a two-day session to exchange information of mutual interest on a regular basis, and to compile a directory of organizations that work on behalf of the gay and lesbian community.

### GRNL Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of GRNL's Board of Directors had a meeting December 1 at which we discussed plans to improve our financial situation while gradually increasing the services that we provide. One highlight was the approval of a management plan which outlines our goals and objectives, our methods of operation, and our programs; this is an important step toward raising the level of professional management of our community operations. Copies of the management plan are available to any who are interested.

A realistic budget was approved by the Committee, one reflecting a financially stable period in which our debt will not be increasing. We discussed plans to pay off the debt, establish an Advisory Board, and hire an East Coast fundraiser. By making better use of volunteers and by expanding our membership base, we hope also to be able to expand our activities both on the Hill and through grassroots organizing.

Our legislative agenda for the coming year will include efforts to increase AIDS funding, pressing for repeal of the exclusionary provision of the nation's immigration laws, opposing anti-gay legislation and judicial nominees, promoting co-sponsorship of the gay and lesbian civil rights bills, and lending greater support to women's and traditional civil rights organizations on such issues as the Civil Rights Act of 1985.

### Upcoming Strategy Meetings

In the coming weeks, I will be participating in meetings with other major national organizations to discuss legislative strategies. We will be working with the National Gay Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs to plan our strategy for gaining additional co-sponsors for the civil rights and immigration bills. I will meet with the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations and NGTF to work on strategy for AIDS activities. I will also meet with representatives of Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (the moderate/conservative gay organization) and the National Coalition of Black Gays to discuss ways to coordinate educational activities. It is imperative that we cooperate with one another as we strive for common goals.

We look forward to working with you and for you in 1985 to make this a better country for all of us. Please send your comments to me, Nancy Roth, at GRNL, PO Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Take a good look at the Treasury Department's new "tax simplification" plan, issued in a report facetiously entitled "Tax Reform for Fairness, Simplicity and Economic Growth."

Fairness has nothing to do with the tax plan. It is a deliberate, highly discriminatory and highly painful attack against gays and every single adult in this country.

The plan does simplify the current fourteen tax brackets into three: 15%, 25%, and 35%. But what rate you pay depends very much on your marital status. The 25% rate begins at an income level of \$31,000 if you're married, but \$19,000 if you're single. The 35% rate is at \$63,800 and \$38,100. The differences are so extreme they are staggering. The sharp tax cut for married persons is "balanced" with a sharp tax increase for single ones.

The effects are dramatic:

Income Level	Married Tax
1. \$20,000	\$ 3,000
2. 30,000	4,500
3. 40,000	10,000
4. 50,000	12,500
5. 60,000	15,000

### Single Tax

\$2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

6,000

### Lifestyle Penalty

\$2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

6,000

### Single Tax—1983

\$1,376

6,486

10,323

14,738

19,473

To further shift the tax burden to single people, the proposal also includes a doubling of the dependent exemptions to \$2,000 which only increases the above disparities.

I urge all gays to treat this situation with the urgency it deserves. Tell the folks in Washington about our own 10%. Ten percent of the voting population, enough to swing most any election and to put most any politician out of office. Isn't ten percent of your income worth a few letters?

Sincerely,  
Ken  
(Atlanta, GA)

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## CIA MUST REINSTATE FIRED HOMOSEXUAL

A federal judge recently ruled that the CIA acted improperly when it fired an employee who admitted that he was a homosexual without giving him an explanation for the dismissal.

The judge said that although some of the CIA's personnel decisions must remain secret, the agency does not have unlimited discretion in its handling of employees and the decision "to terminate the plaintiff's employment was improper, unreasonable, an abuse of discretion and both procedurally and substantively flawed."

The judge ordered the CIA to reinstate the plaintiff, identified only as John Doe in the lawsuit, to an administrative leave status within 30 days. John Doe is to remain on the leave until the agency gives him a hearing so he can learn why he was dismissed.

In June 1973, John Doe, then 17, went to work for the CIA as a clerk typist. Four years later, he was promoted to an electronics-technician position. In 1978, he was selected for participation in the agency's upward-mobility program and was by that time no longer a probationary employee.

In January 1982, Doe volunteered that he was homosexual. Told that he was in violation of CIA regulations, he was placed on administrative leave on Feb. 2, 1982 and was fired May 11.

## TV'S "NOVA" TO DISCUSS AIDS

The challenge to modern science presented by the mystery of the dread disease known as AIDS, which is being called the "disease of the century," will be discussed during February by the prestigious TV program NOVA. NOVA's "AIDS: Chapter One," will be aired Tuesday, February 12 on PBS (check local listings).

"AIDS: Chapter One" takes viewers back to 1981, when the first clues appeared. Doctors in Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco were reporting a highly unusual pneumonia and rare form of skin cancer in otherwise healthy, young homosexual men. Although the two diseases are vastly different from one another, a pattern was emerging: Both were signs of breakdown in the body's immune system.

NOVA picks up the trail in Atlanta where the job of fitting together the early pieces of the puzzle fell to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), whose epidemiologists investigate the causes and control of epidemics. NOVA talks to the medical detectives at the CDC who shifted through the evidence, searching for the who, what, when, and where of the deadly ailment.

The hunt for the "why" of AIDS makes up the rest of NOVA's modern-day detective story. The chase intensifies when two laboratories—one in Bethesda, Maryland, the other in France—close in simultaneously on the lethal culprit.

All this is played out against a very human backdrop—the on-going struggle of people who are fighting for their lives. NOVA talks with AIDS patients and their doctors as they watch for signs that treatment methods will be found.

## Modern Music

by Michael J. Maier  
*1984: A Year Unto Itself*

New Wave, dance music, The Jacksons, Prince, Lionel Richie, and Bruce Springsteen could easily characterize the pop music scene on the surface for the year; but 1984, music wise, was not as dull or limited as some of my fellow journalistic colleagues would make it out to be. It was a year of historic musical growth and principles. The music industry came to terms with itself and the record/video-hungry consumer market. Some principles and happenings were subtle and some not.

Out of these musical happenings, British Techno-Rockers showed they could do it best and with colorful style and fashions—Eurythmics, Culture Club, Thompson Twins, U2, Wham, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Duran Duran, Ultravox, Talk Talk, and Big Country. Each group youthful, fresh (with the exception of Duran Duran and the Culture Club having chosen commercialism over artistic worth), and proficient. A silvery touch of Hollywood glamour concepts and showmanship spiced this overseas wave, as if looks seemed to be as or more important. Seemingly each group had the polishing of a top New York Fifth Avenue advertising firm on their payroll and in good use.

It was a year of visuals and imagery, though MTV and music videos became part of the norm instead of being something different, showing that cable TV music channels have become just another level of the pop-music scene that people seem to be paying less overt attention to.

American acts showed that when you need to rock n' roll, that's just what you do. Bruce Springsteen, Prince, Lionel Richie, and Michael Jackson led the American forces. On the part of Springsteen and Jackson, they gave us better visual stimulation than their albums' products offered, becoming tired after a few spins. Prince broke into the mass mainstream (white) with what could be one of rock music's most successful films ever, Purple Rain. Even though it seemed to be one long music video with slight and at times blighted acting, it caused Prince to emerge as a serious and creative force for the mid-eighties. The movie's soundtrack did bring clean, fresh, but thought-evoking material. One of the year's best.

Lionel Richie's album "Can't Slow Down" might best be described as "Richie's Greatest Hits," making him the

## State Employees Protected in Illinois

Some 13,500 state employees in Illinois are now protected against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. A memo of understanding was recently signed by the state's Bureau of Personnel and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The new contract covers technical and professional employees, such as accountants, social workers, psychologists—some 125 job titles in all. The inclusion of the anti-gay discrimination clause came after a six-year effort by the union.

The memo makes sexual orientation a "non-merit factor" for employment, along with a long list of other characteristics. Non-merit factors cannot be used to determine a worker's employability. The memo format was used to avoid raising the anger of anti-gay legislators.

## Suppressed Novel To Be Published

A long-suppressed novel by William Burroughs is due for release in 1985 by Penguin Books. *Queer*, a chronicle of life in the gay underground of the 40s, was considered unpublishable when Burroughs wrote it in 1951. But publishing standards have changed in the intervening years.

Burroughs—now 70 years old—is regarded as a literary figure on the order of Yeats or Ezra Pound. He has also been called the senior figure in the post-war American literary movement that includes Alan Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac. Other notable works by the openly gay author include *Cities of the Red Night*, *The Wild Boys*, and *Naked Lunch*.

## HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNEY

by Dr. Pat Larr

**PICES** (Feb 19-Mar 20): Happy Birthday, Kid! Something long and slippery slides into your life on the 10th. Yes, the old snake in the grass of yours is back.

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20): You wake up cheek to cheek with someone new and exciting mid-month. Aren't you glad you don't wear PJs?

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21): What's that strange throbbing you feel below the belt? Yes, it's time to reach for the Roloids. The stars say it's time to diet again.

**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 20): So diplomatic, you've got that special someone in the palm of your hand. Time for a hand job?

**CANCER** (Jun 21-Jul 22): Is it really better to give than to receive? Try the reverse for a change. That special someone has been all too passive lately. This should perk them up.

**LEO** (Jul 23-Aug 22): Are you going to take this kind of treatment lying down? Don't let that special someone walk all over you unless you like it. You're not a Welcome mat anymore.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sep 22): Big celestial doings in the coming weeks. Could your heart's desire be on its way? You'll find yourself in the Milky Way when you find the true meaning of the term "shooting star."

**LIBRA** (Sep 23-Oct 22): Your magnetic personality sends out shock waves just now. Give that special someone a jolt with your bolt.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 22): You find yourself hog-tied mid-month. That special someone harnesses you with unreasonable demands. Maybe you should whip them back into shape (or let them whip you?).

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21): Now is the time to sow those wild oats for the Spring Harvest. Don't spread your seed too thin and you'll soon be seeing lots of little things grow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20): Joint ventures get you throbbing with excitement this month. That special someone is especially cooperative right now. Insist that they make your wildest fantasies come true. This could be your big chance to do the really kinky stuff.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 18): Yes, you can read that special someone like a book right now, but so what? Are you going to start a new volume, or insert your bookmark in a new edition?

## FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett  
Dear Edwards E. Kett,

I try to play it as straight as possible at work. As of now I don't think anyone at the office suspects I am gay, but the other day a friend told me that some of the jock-type assistant managers in the building have been making fag jokes about me. What do you suggest I say to these guys that will get them to stop making cracks about me? I wouldn't want their remarks to get back to my boss.

Yours  
Algernon

Dear Algernon,

If you're looking for rude comebacks from me, you're talking to the wrong person! In this instance, a gentleman never fights fire with fire. You're only playing it straight because that's the behavior expected of you. If they're not happy with your portrayal, that's their problem. They probably wouldn't be happy if you came out as a flaming faggot either, so let those remarks roll off your back as best you can.

Dear Mr. Kett,

I always invite a gay friend of mine to every party and/or social gathering I have, and she always seems to have a good time. Yet I have never been invited to her place for anything. It seems she only throws straight parties and I'm not straight looking enough for her. Anything I can do to remedy this unfair situation?

Ever,  
Svetlana

Dear Svetlana,

Yes. For goodness sake, don't even dream of inviting her again.

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## Grandfather's Cupboard

by Charles E. Hall, Ph.D.  
Practitioner of  
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*(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)*

### POT-HERB

A few months ago, I was rummaging through the University of California's Medical School Library in San Francisco. I had heard that marijuana was being used in the treatment of cancer, and so I was checking the medical journals to see what the MDs were doing. Well, I found out. They synthesize it and give it to cancer patients who are on allopathic medications and have lost their appetites. It gives them the munchies! It's also a "miracle drug" for patients suffering from the nausea of chemotherapy.

Having discovered this bit of enlightenment, I turned to the *Journal of Psychocactive Drugs* (Vol 13, No. 1, 1981) and found an article by Mai Tuow of Harvard University: "The Religious and Medicinal Uses of Cannabis in China, India, and Tibet."

"Dig this!" I said.

So I read the article, copied it, and have since studied it. It turns out that several species of Cannabis, Himalayan, Nepalese, Thai, and others have been used as medicinal herbs for twenty centuries at least, and maybe even fifty centuries.

They didn't smoke the dried leaves. They preferred their Cannabis cooked—like brownies and tea, I thought. They used it for all metal-element illnesses and for excess-liver-yang ailments. Stress is one of these conditions. They ate some kind of oriental brownie, just a little bit, to relax with, but not enough to get high on.

Now isn't that news!

It was reported effective for metal-element diseases: those which affect the skin, mucous membranes, lungs, and large intestines like colds, pneumonias, parasites, KS, and swollen lymph glands.

Checking out other sources on marijuana as an herb, I came up with a few medicinal uses which I would like to share with you.

### No. 1: Headache

A wet, fresh leaf on the forehead will stop a headache. Now I have yet to try this since I rarely get headaches; and a friend tells me that any green leaf might do, pot-herb or not.

### No. 2: Stress Release

For stress release, brew a Cannabis tea. After boiling the water, let it cool down about 20 degrees for a few minutes. Add a small amount of dried leaves and let it steep for twenty minutes. Another friend calls it "drinking a cup of relaxation."

Even at today's prices, it's not an expensive tea, and it is better for sick people than inhaling the smoke.

### William Tell Reviews: "A Married Man"

In William Higgins' "A Married Man," it's the gossipy gardner who reveals to the wife that her handsome actor husband has been making it with their chauffeur and houseboy. The gardner himself is busy throughout most of film getting it on with a hitchhiker played by Jack Wrangler.

Much of the story is seen through flashbacks as the gardner spills out the adventurous life of the 'married man.' As in most Higgins' films, the bodies are well developed and very busy. Although the film gave top billing to Jack Wrangler, it was actually Joe Roberts (the gardner) who appears in most of the footage.

Wrangler, who speaks with a phony southern accent, appears bored and mechanical throughout this easily forgotten films. He appears as if he were merely passing through the set.

Rather than being 'in the Higgins' tradition,' this film appears to be a cheap-jack production using big-name porno actors as bait for porno fans.

(In Sacramento, "A Married Man" is available for rent on VHS cassette at *Films For Days*.)

### No. 3: Parasites

This is the best one! I asked my favorite herbalist down in Chinatown for some Cannabis seed and how he used it. He suggested it for parasites as does the *Barefoot Doctor's Manual*, a modern compendium of classic Chinese medicine. Here is his preparation:

Take ½ ounce of seeds (1 heaping tablespoon)—organic, please, and hold the paraquat! Crush them in a mortar with a pestle, or with a method of your choice. (Cuisinarts do very well when you're brewing a batch for the masses.) Simmer them in water for one hour. After evaporation, you want to end up with one cup of liquid. Don't forget to strain out the lumps. It has a rather bland taste like potato water.

Drink it up.

As it works, there may be a few intestinal cramps. If you use too much, you will get diarrhea. Don't bother with emptying your stomach first. Eat your meals as usual. One dose should do the job, but two doses may be necessary.

Since the intestines of most Americans seem to be lined with little lumps of very old food, the microscopic parasite spores can hide inside indefinitely. In fact, it is common for people to have repeated infestations for no apparent reason. Because of these repeated bouts of parasites, I think it would be a good idea to do Cannabis seeds once a month. According to the ancient Chinese tradition, the best time is just after the third quarter of the moon.

This is what the Chinese herbalist told me from his tradition of centuries of experience. I would like to add that a change of diet is necessary too.

Some of the foods most likely missing in the diet are bulk in the form of grain bran and variety of grains. For this I suggest branching out into corn for the fire element, rye and yellow millet for the earth element, short grain brown rice and oats for the metal element, and all kinds of beans, peas, and lentils for the water element. (A quick note of explanation here: In the Chinese medical system, humans are viewed as made up of fire, metal, water, wood, and earth elements, with each relating to a different functioning part of the organism.) Wheat along with barley is for the wood element. However, most people eating a western diet eat far more wheat than they need. Eat equal amounts of each grain during the week. The ways to use grains are many: cakes, breads, cookies, porridges, crackers, and quiche crusts.

### No. 4: Open Sores

Finally, I discovered that a paste of ground pot seeds was once used as a compass for healing skin lesions, eruptions, and sores. Grind seeds and cook them for about an hour until a good paste forms. Smear it on the skin and wrap it up for a few hours until the paste is dry. Do this daily, preferably in the morning. Use a fresh mixture each time.

If you are into rituals, a votive light to the spirit-guardians of the hemp harvest is certainly in order.

## "Philosophy"

by Philip E. Ewoldsen

I have some friends who recently celebrated their 33rd anniversary. Two men together: enduring, surviving, prospering, growing, loving. Wow! And you know, I have a feeling that's not as uncommon as most of us think. Couples who have been together a number of years are not particularly visible. They grew up in an age more homophobic than today's and tend to be more closeted. Furthermore, such couples are not as much a part of the bar scene as are singles; they develop their own social circles with people having similar interests. Not seeing them, we tend to assume that they are not there.

Now it's true, the long-term survival rate for gay and lesbian relationships is not particularly good. In today's non-gay marriages, 40% will end in divorce. I'm sure our rate is worse, and with several good reasons:

1. We tend to move into relationships far too soon, rather than taking the time to get acquainted, to develop a real sense of intimacy and love. We need to learn to date longer before making commitments.

2. It's much easier for us to break up: no messy divorce courts, seldom children to worry about, no social stigma, and rarely an extended family urging us to stay together.

3. We don't seem to value our relationships as much as we should. This is the one that bothers me the most.

How much value do we place on relationships? With all the time and effort we spend on looking for Ms./Mrs. Perfect, you would think we would really value and work at our relationships. But do we? I'm afraid too many of us don't respect relationships—either our own or others'.

It's true, we are not bound by traditional morality; and every couple has the right and the need to set their own sexual limits. The problem comes when we don't honor those limits. How many of us are all too happy to hop into the sack with the neat number down the block when their lover is out of town? How many of us who have lovers figure no one will know if we stop at a strange place and find a little? How many of us get interested in one member of a couple and set out to break them up? How many of us get upset with our lover, go find someone else, then break up, rather than trying to work out the problem?

I'm disturbed at the number of couples who have no clear understandings of the limits of their relationship, and who seem unwilling to invest the work a "good" growing, healthy relationship takes. I'm also disturbed at the casual disregard those who are single have for the relationships around them.

We need to support each other, not cut each other up. We need to work at our relationships, not sneak around them. We need to honor our commitments, not merely follow our own selfish satisfactions.

## GAME CORNER

### Trivia Trial

(Answers are at the bottom.)

1. What was the allied code name for President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II?

- a. Mr. Big
- b. Air Force One
- c. Cargo
- d. The President

2. Who was the syndicated columnist who wrote "Washington Merry-Go-Round?"

- a. Joe McCarthy
- b. Drew Pearson
- c. Paul Windham
- d. Earle Wilson

3. How many stars appear on the Federation Flag in the TV series "Star Trek?"

- a. 5
- b. 13
- c. 3
- d. 50

4. What is the size of a regulation boxing ring?

- a. 10 feet square
- b. 20 feet square
- c. 35 feet square
- d. 40 feet square

5. What date appears on bottles of Smirnoff Vodka?

- a. 1925
- b. 1750
- c. 1818
- d. 1895

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## THE KITCHEN FAIRY

### Love: Laying It On The Table

It's the month of Valentine's Day, love buns! And when it comes, as it so often does, to love, cupid (a mere child who, rumor has it, is as straight as his arrows) has absolutely nothing on this Fairy! After all, one who would aim directly at the heart, certainly misses the seat of the matter!

Love, doll, is a flame that needs fanning—and if anyone knows about flaming, it's yours truly! Manys the time I have been stuck on, and vice versa! Ah, the rapture, the ecstasy of entanglement!!!

And, so, during this month of ardor and amour, this month when romance is in the pants and love is on the rise (oooh!), I have prepared a tantalizing love feast to seduce the senses. Filled with oral pleasures so you may eat your way to romantic bliss. Leisurely paced so you may linger over every mouthful, relishing the romance and the moment! Love long and hard, dears—and do enjoy:

- Champagne
- Beef Fondle
- Fonde Sauces
- Pinot Noir
- Crusty French Bread
- Nelly Roll
- Coffee
- More Champagne
- BEEF FONDLE**  
(Serves: 2)

Fondling at your own pace is such a lovely way to eat up an evening! Faire du fondue?

Preparation Time: 30 min.  
Cooking Time: As you go

### Ingredients:

1 pound of beef tenderloin trimmed of fat and cut into 1½-inch cubes (Ah, the joys of a tender loin!)

1 bottle of peanut oil  
1 can of small, whole new potatoes, drained

### Listening To Lavender

by Mme. Lavender Cantello

Dear Mme. Cantello,

Ron, my lover, enjoys going to church at the MCC. He's always after me to go too. Although I'm not at all religious, I might agree to do so just to keep the peace if it weren't for an embarrassing problem.

Ron sings very, very loudly during the service; but Lavender, he can't even begin to carry a tune and hasn't the faintest idea what music is all about. The poor choir director has to constantly come up with all sorts of excuses to keep Ron out of the choir. And Ron has always wanted to lead the congregational singing; his reasoning is that since he can sing louder, higher, and longer than anybody else in the congregation that it is his "duty" to be song leader. He resents the fact that the minister won't let him do it.

Lavender, this situation is especially distressing because I am a trained musician. While I'm not much of a singer, I'm an accomplished pianist and teach music in a local high school and have an MA degree in the field. Ron considers my attitude toward music to be fuddy-duddy and high-brow, worthy only of disdain.

Lavender, what shall I do about Ron and his so-called music? Several of my friends who are active in MCC have complained to me rather bitterly.

Hefner  
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Hefner,  
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12 medium-sized, fresh mushrooms, washed and dried  
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### Preparation:

1. Arrange your meat, potatoes, mushrooms, and green pepper in their own little bowls.
2. Heat about 1½ inches of oil in your fondue pot, on the stove, until a bread cube browns in about 1 minute.
3. Put your liquid or canned heat in the slot provided in your fondue set and flame it. Put the hot oil over the flame.
4. Now, it's every man for himself, dear! Spear the food with the fondue forks and plunge it into the hot oil. Cook till it is done just the way you like it.
5. Remove the cooked food from the hot oil. And using a dinner fork, so first-degree burns don't put your mouth out of commission, dip the food into the sauce of your choice.
6. Eat and repeat until the food is all gone or you're full...whichever comes first.

NOTE: Crusty bread is wonderful for sopping up the juices that ooze from your meat.

### FONDLE SAUCES

My dears, what is a fondle without the sauce? Anticlimactic!

#### Horsing Around Sauce:

1 Tablespoon Horseradish (known in some circles as Whores' Radish)  
½ cup sour cream  
¼ teaspoon lemon juice  
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A dash of salt  
A couple grinds of pepper  
Swish it all together and refrigerate till serving.

#### Hot Sauce:

½ cup chili sauce  
¼ cup chopped onion  
1½ Tablespoons lemon juice  
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
½ clove garlic, pressed  
½ teaspoon brown sugar (love my brown sugar!)  
¼ teaspoon Tabasco  
⅛ teaspoon dry mustard  
⅛ teaspoon salt

Throw it all in a small saucepan and stir it up. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Serve warm.

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Leave the chocolate out of Valentine's Day, dear, and you might as well hang it up! This chocolate number is so light and fluffy that if it could walk, girl, it would swish! This means that while it satisfies the chocolate urge, it won't weigh so heavily as to impede late-night gymnastics!

Preparation Time: 30 min.  
Baking Time: 10 min.

### Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup corn starch
- 2 Tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg white (save the yolk)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons instant coffee
- 1 teaspoon hot water
- 1/4 pound butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 1 Tablespoon coca
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg yolk (the one you saved from above!)

### Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.
2. Line a jelly roll pan (11 x 15 inches) with waxed paper.
3. Sift the corn starch, the 2 Tablespoons of cocoa and the baking powder into a bowl.
4. In a large mixing bowl, beat up the 3 eggs and the egg white. Still beating (how butch, my dear!), add the sugar very gradually. Beat until the mixture is as light and fluffy as a fairy's tutu.
5. One Tablespoon at a time, beat in the sifted stuff. Give the mixture a good beating after each addition.

6. Spread your batter into the jelly roll pan and bake for 10 minutes or till the cake springs back when you touch it.

7. Invert the cake onto a floured tea towel. Remove the waxed paper by carefully peeling it off and cover the cake with another towel. Let it cool.
8. To make the filling: Cream the butter. Give it a good creaming, honey.
9. Blend in the confectioners sugar and the Tablespoon of cocoa.
10. Dissolve the coffee in the hot water.
11. Add the coffee, vanilla and egg yolk to the butter and cocoa. Give it a good beating.
12. Spread the mocha filling on the unfloured side of the cake. Spread it evenly.
13. Roll up the cake from the short side to make a jelly roll—without the jelly!

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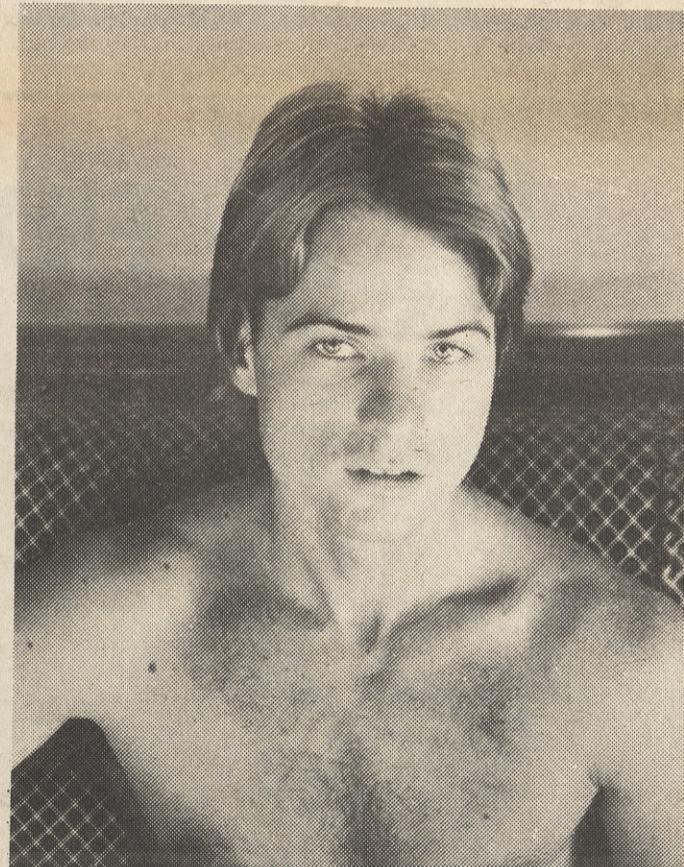
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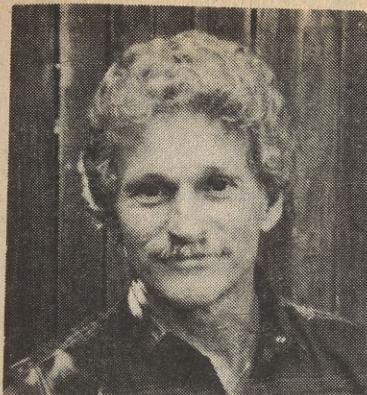
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## FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

### "STAR EYES"

It was just after sunset. The crimson and orange sky gave way to the shades of deep purple. Arizona sunsets were like that, beautiful and unforgettable.

No one noticed the silvery disc that glided silently from the quiet sky and touched down on the desert floor. It came to rest there in the sand as if it were waiting for something or someone.

Alex had just finished his chores and he hurried to take a shower. This was his favorite part of the day, pleasurable and uninterrupted serenity. As the warm water ran down the sleek and well-muscled body, erotic thoughts would come to mind; here they would be nurtured in those peaceful moments.

## A LOVER FOR LADY

by Jerre Frazier

Lady wasn't her real name. It's what Ramon and I called her because she reminded us of the Lady from Belvedere picture in the book we read in the sixth grade.

She's a beauty. The kind that makes you feel she might just crumble all apart if touched; like she had to be handled very, very carefully. That wasn't true, but you never got over the feeling.

She showed up during sixth grade, and it's been us three going to the same schools and same grades ever since. We did everything together: treehouse, stick ball, swimming in North Lake Park, baseball, volleyball, camping trips, and lessons. We slept together, mostly at my house, but sometimes at Ramon's house, never at Lady's house.

She'd be in the middle with one arm around me and the other around Ramon. Sometimes her slender fingers would roam over our bodies and end up between our legs; and when things began happening down there, she'd kiss Ramon, then me, and say it was "Sleep time." Ramon and I would turn toward her and let our hardness press against her hips, but she'd just go to sleep, or pretend. I was never quite sure which.

Coach wouldn't let Lady join the football squad, so Ramon and I quit and the three of us got into volleyball. Lady was about the best and she always seemed to have more fun than anybody else.

If you saw Lady's old man, you'd have to wonder if she really was a part of that family. And her mother was half drunk all the time. They lived in a real dump, but Lady was always sweet and pure looking and clean and kind of a happy but cautious spirit.

Ramon is something else, real class like his father who's the president of San Luis College, and his mom is superintendent of the city schools. They live in a fancy big house on Del Prado Circle and have a housekeeper and a yardman.

My place is just ordinary. Mom makes good money, but Dad seems to have an aversion to work. Not sure he ever held a job and don't know where his money comes from, but he seems to have it whenever he wants something.

Sometimes he has money for surprising things, like the time he carries in a young guy who looked like he'd been beat up or in an accident.

Dad put the guy in the room next to mine on the first floor. He got a doctor to come in, then medicine. He bathed the guy and fed him and slept in there with him.

He was there for at least six weeks, and Dad spent all his time with him except when he was out getting things. Once, when I walked down the hall, the door was partly open and I'm sure the two of them were kissing just like Ramon and Lady and I do.

We didn't let it bother us much, but one time Ramon and I wondered out loud where the money was coming from

Alex was 18 years old now, not a boy any longer. The dreamy days of adolescence had given way to grown-up fantasies. It wasn't very long ago when his youthful mind had been filled with adoring thoughts of men from other planets. They were not unlike those comic-book heroes he had so totally idolized. Sometimes he would change the image of the spaceman in his mind; they were never the same, never boring.

One night, a man from Venus came to him. He was beautiful. His skin was pale, his hair was a silvery white, and his eyes held a shade of blue that could be found nowhere on earth. He possessed the body of an athlete.

Alex made love to all of them. They returned the love and always promised to see him on their next trip to earth.

They lived in his mind for all his childhood days, all those different men from distant planets.

Alex was almost finished with his shower when suddenly a ringing in his ears caused him to turn off the water. He stood perfectly still and listened. It was not a true ringing, rather a low-pitched hum like a signal of some sort beckoning him. He shook his head, but couldn't dispel the signal.

Alex quickly dressed. He ran out of the house, his heart pounding, out into the velvety night. He ran as fast as he could in the direction of the signal. As he topped a distant bluff, he stopped suddenly. There, below on the desert sand,

rested the big silvery disc. Excitement coursed through his body like a million volts of electricity. He ran down the bluff and stood there, face to face with the ship.

At that moment a voice filled his head; it was the telepathic voice of the man inside communicating with him. "Hello, Alex, my name is Xzian. I have followed your signals and have found you."

Alex could scarcely believe what he was hearing. An eagerness to see what the man looked like swelled inside him.

Suddenly there was a whirring noise, a panel on the ship slid open, and a staircase projected downward. A voice bid him to enter.

At first, the light blinded him. As he walked up the stairs, he began to see the form of a beautiful young man. His features were nearly like the favorite, star-eyed Venusian. But this man was not from Venus, rather from a far more distant planet. Those eyes gazed lovingly at him and Alex returned the look.

"You see, Alex," he said, "I have dreamed of you; since I was a child, I have thought of you." It was true; Alex had come face to face with a real dream come true.

The ship rose above the desert sand and hurtled away into the deep void of space. Where they were heading was anybody's guess. One thing was clear—they were together and would always be, in time and space.

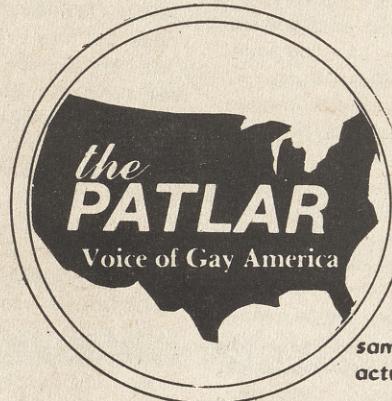
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## GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

### Endless Courtship Syndrome

If you want to, you can blame the whole thing on Tina Turner's video. All summer, wherever I went, Tina belted out her amazing song, "What's love got to do...?" Red hair shooting in all directions, thrusting one well-turned leg in front of the other, making me think I'd go straight for that woman—and other absurdities. Tina, you might say, set me up.

That's when Ramon came along and offered me what is often referred to as "a good learning experience." Such an experience, you may know, is an essentially unpleasant one you would just as soon not have had. But since you did have it, it must have done you some good. At the very least, you tell yourself, you learned from it. You need not repeat it. My life has been full of such "good learning experiences."

This one began when I heard him laugh. The first time I heard Ramon laugh, I knew we'd have a relationship. However brief or maddening, I knew we would have one.

There I was, minding my own business, practicing safe sex at my friendly neighborhood bathhouse (practice makes perfect, you know), when who should swim into my ken but Ramon, wearing nothing but a black leather strap and an incandescent smile. When he saw me sitting there in the TV lounge, unfashionably swathed in white terry cloth and reading Flannery O'Connor's

*A Good Man is Hard to Find*, he exploded in laughter.

"What's so funny?" were my first words. I know because I always write down first and last words people say to each other. Ramon's first words were "I'm sorry." Coincidentally, those were his last words, too.

"I didn't think people read books anymore," he said.

"What do people read?" I asked him, uncrossing my legs.

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"What's that about?" he continued, indicating the volume in my lap.

"See for yourself," I said, offering him the O'Connor.

"Not right now," he said. "I'm sorta on a schedule."

"Oh?" I inquired without curiosity.

"I'm too antsy to read right now," he said. "I just took some MDA."

"Charming!" I observed with undetectable irony.

"Maybe we can get together some time when you're not reading," he said.

Ramon thought I'd say, "I was about to take a break," or "I'll finish this some other time." What came out of my mouth was, "Maybe when you're less antsy."

He responded with a forced smile and a hollow laugh, "Good idea. I'll give you my phone number."

Thanks to those seven little digits, our bodies and lives became enmeshed in what I am forced to term yet another relationship. A relationship, though, is whatever happens between people or things. For instance, I have a relationship with my mailman (who sometimes brings me checks), with my goldfish (who practices mouths at me), and with my toothbrushes (I have more toothbrushes than anybody else I know), though I do not sleep with any of them. A relationship is a connection of any kind, however bizarre.

Over the phone Ramon and I arranged to meet in the park directly in front of the photography museum. He was twenty minutes late.

His first words that day were, "How much does it cost to get in?"

To which I replied, "It's good to see

you, too!"

I'm sorry," he said, repeating what was fast becoming a favorite expression.

"The exhibit is two dollars," I said.

(So much for Ansel Adams," I thought.)

"I'm sure it's great," Ramon continued, "if you're into a million shades of grey."

The only thing that kept me rooted to the ground was a trembling vision in the back of my mind of a lambent figure in a black leather jockstrap.

To make a long story readable, ours was a short, intense affair. For three weeks, we felt like Siamese twins joined at the crotch.

The only time we had problems was when we got out of bed. Normally, we did not make the mistake of conversing on our way to the bedroom. On one occasion, however, Ramon did announce: "You're too good for me."

"What the hell does that mean?" said I.

"It means you should find somebody better than me," said he.

What it *really* means is the speaker is thinking of bailing out.

"I can put up with your bullshit if you can put up with mine," I said.

A couple of weeks later, though, it became clear Ramon was determined to move on.

"I'm tired of playing Taylor to your Burton," he said.

"I don't mind fights," I said. "Quarreling is one way of being together."

"I gotta go," he said. "Sorry."

He kissed me with the indifference of the dead.

"I'm sorry, too," I said.

What do you do when love fails? You play your Vivaldi tapes louder than ever. In the bedroom. In the bathroom. In the shower. You experiment with the effects of warm water on various parts of your anatomy. You rediscover yourself.

You leap out of bed in the morning because you don't want to lie there thinking. You cope. You've done it a million times. It's only the ECS, the *Endless Courtship Syndrome*. You hear a little voice from the wings. It's the Director saying, "If you survive this scene, you become an excellent judge of character."

In the final analysis, you decide, all you require is a man who won't irritate you.

Contemplating a world in which millions of lonely housewives sit by the phones waiting for the DJ to call with a chance to win "from one hundred to one thousand dollars in cash" if they can name that tune, you're reminded that it's hope that keeps us going.

It's as if life were nothing but an ocean studded with lovely little islands. Somehow you manage to swim to one of these just as it sinks beneath turquoise waves capped with foam. You may have a few moments on the beach in the sun, sipping a fruity drink (possibly flavored with honey) from a coconut shell.

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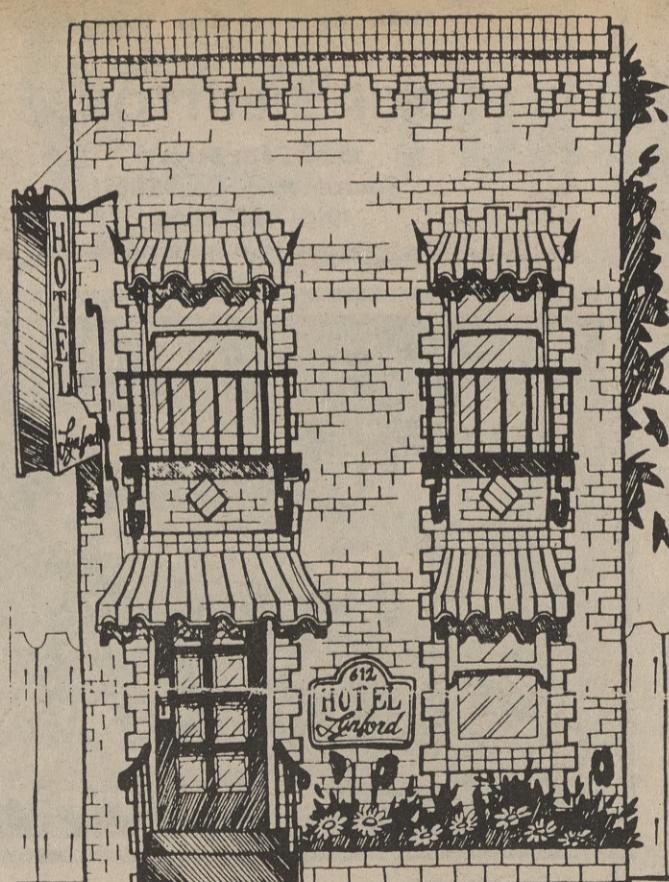
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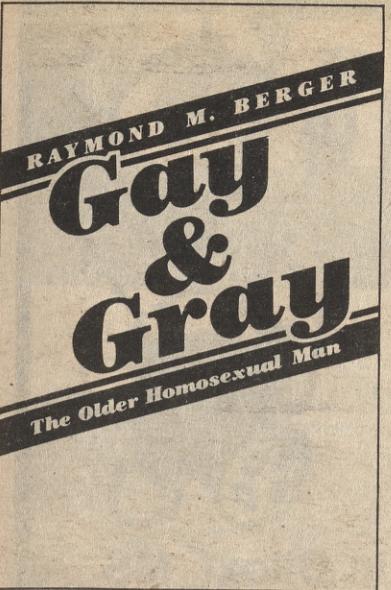
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### "Books, Books, Books!"

**Gay & Gray**, Raymond M. Berger, Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc. 1982, 234 pp. \$7.95 paperback.

Reviewed by Jolliff Weston

Being both gay and gray myself, I was intrigued when I first spied the title of this book. After reading the book, I'm convinced that it should be required reading for most gay men under the age of 35. By "most," I mean those thoughtful gay men who realize that they, too, may eventually be gay and gray. (I'm not at all convinced that a large percentage of the young gay men in our culture realize that that will happen to them, believing as some apparently do that they will either self-destruct at age forty or that somehow the clock will stop for them and that they will forever remain gay and firm-bodied with a full head of vividly colored hair.)

This book is not light reading and was never intended to be. It is actually a report of the findings of a four-year study conducted recently by a young college professor who says in his preface: "In my studies the greatest grievance, it seems to me, has been the way older gay men and lesbians have been relegated to a land where they are never seen or heard from. Like the Amerasian child of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the older homosexual is not wanted by either side—by the gerontologists or the homosexuals." In his Introduction, he elaborates: "...The increasing attention which is now being paid to the elderly, and to homosexuals as a group, has not extended to older homosexuals. When gerontologists talk about the elderly, they mean heterosexual elderly; when gay rights advocates talk about homosexuals, they mean young homosexuals. The homosexuals who began to disclose their identities publicly on a large scale in the 1970's were mostly young; they now constitute the public stereotype of the homosexual, while large numbers of their elders continue their lives unnoticed." Sober thoughts, especially when one considers the fact that there are an estimated million homosexual men over the age of sixty-five in the United States today.

Dr. Berger's study included 112 males, 86.6% of whom rated themselves as being "exclusively homosexual" with the remaining 13.4% rating themselves as "primarily homosexual." The youngest was forty-one and the oldest seventy-seven.

As one would expect in a report like this, much space is taken up with the presentation and interpretation of data

and statistics designed to put the older homosexual man in perspective and to answer relevant questions, in this case: What are older homosexual men like? and What leads to psychological and social adjustment?

However, by far the most interesting to me were individual chapters devoted to in-depth, life-history-type interviews with six respondents: Matthew, William, Mike, Arthur, David, and Scott. Not all of these men come across in an entirely sympathetic way even to gray-headed me, and I seriously doubt that younger gay men will be able to identify, much less sympathize, with some of them. In fact, I had a youngish—31—acquaintance read these chapters; his most telling remark, so indicative of the generation gap, was: "Why did those guys put up what all that crap. I certainly wouldn't have."



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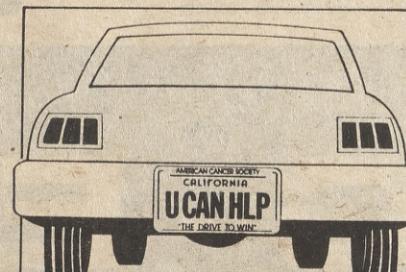
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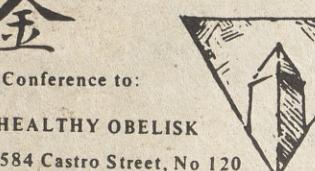
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## OKLAHOMA CITY

A new gay community center opened recently in Oklahoma City. The center is called Oasis and organizations or businesses interested in having a voice in its activities should request to serve on the Advisory Board of Directors and/or become active members.

Oasis will be open in the PM, 6-11 Monday thru Thursday, 6-12 Friday, 12-12 Saturday, and 12-6 Sunday. The staff members are volunteers and individuals are invited to drop by to offer suggestions or a helping hand.

For more information, contact: Vicki Duke or Bill Grudier, Oasis Community Center, 2135 NW 39th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

## ST. PAUL

The 1986 Gay and Lesbian Winter Olympic Games, which were to be held in Minnesota, have been cancelled due to organizational problems. The organizing committee has closed its St. Paul office. The games had been scheduled to precede the summer activities to be held in San Francisco that year.

Minnesota organizers sought to host winter games after the success of the first summer games in San Francisco two years ago. Several factors contributed to the demise of the winter games, but the main reasons were financial ones.

It is still possible to hold the games, perhaps in 1987, after the summer events rather than before, but commentators speculated that it is highly improbable.

## FRESNO

Harriette Ramos, whose music was popular at both the 1983 and 1984 Cal NOW State Conferences, has released a cassette tape of her original feminist songs. The tape, entitled *The View Is Well Worth The Climb*, includes "It's A Man's World (Unless Women Vote)" and "Women On The Rise," the '83 conference theme. To order a tape, send \$8 (tax and shipping included) with your name and address to: Harriette Ramos, 1612 West Robinson, Fresno, CA 93705.

## SAN FRANCISCO

A predominantly gay Legion Post called the Alexander Hamilton Veterans Organization was approved recently the American Legion in San Francisco.

Post status was previously denied to the group. However, the district Legion membership committee reversed itself and accepted the application. The Hamilton's commander is Paul Hardman, a well-known gay activist.

## PORTLAND, MAINE

A scholarship in memory of Charles O. Howard, the gay man murdered in Bangor, Maine in July 1984 because of his sexual orientation, has been established by the Gay People's Alliance (GPA), a student organization of the University of Southern Maine. The Charles O. Howard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to the writer who best articulates, in essay form, the importance of civil rights for lesbians and gay men. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

## PALM SPRINGS

Fred Hardt, citing financial problems and lack of response to a facility he describes as ahead of its time, announced recently that he is shutting down his hotel for AIDS victims. He has put the hotel up for sale.

Hardt isn't giving up on the concept of a residence for AIDS victims, however, saying: "In the future, when there are 20,000 to 30,000 (cases), a facility of this nature will be needed." But the clientele apparently does not exist right now.

The hotel, believed to be the nation's only private enterprise facility for AIDS patients, could have accommodated up to 17 guests, but only received two.

## ANTIOCH

A gay bias lawsuit was settled recently in Antioch. The suit was brought by two retired hairdressers who said they were not permitted to move into a mobile-home park because they are gay.

Robert Grimes, 62, and Robert Hoag, 58, were awarded \$14,000 in a settlement out of court. They sought legal damages after they were told in December 1980 that unrelated persons of the same sex were not allowed to live together at the Vista Diablo Mobile Home Park.

The two men claimed their civil rights had been violated. Attorneys for the two men and for the former owner of the mobile-home park agreed to settle in Contra Costa County Superior Court.

## PHILADELPHIA

The development of a \$4 million plus Gay and Lesbian Community Center is being proposed by the New Center Project Committee. The opening of the Center is expected to occur in June 1987.

The Project Committee began work on the proposal in early 1984 after the previous location at 222 S. Camac Street was closed. The new Center will serve both gay men and lesbians and will operate as a self-sustaining entity offering a sliding-fee scale for services and will maintain an attractive, clean, safe and professionally run appearance.

## SANTA MONICA

A supplemental health insurance plan for potential AIDS victims was recently approved by the California state Department of Insurance. Approval to provide the coverage was given to the Santa Monica-based Coastal Insurance Company.

The state Insurance Department took some time investigating the \$194 annual premium. Coastal says the policy would pay up to \$73,000 a year.

The Coastal Insurance Co.'s policy for AIDS is the first in California but the second in the nation. The first was offered by Provident American Insurance of Dallas.

The plan is designed to supplement coverage by regular medical insurance.

## ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Gays Without Partners (GWP) meets at 2:30 PM each Sunday in a second-floor meeting room at the First Unitarian Church located at 5007 Waterman Blvd.

GWP, Inc. welcomes both men and women of all ages who are interested in meeting new people in a friendly social setting. It is not a dating service. Meetings are casual and persons may attend without establishing membership. There is a \$5 admission charge to cover costs.

The organization is neither political nor religious. Most meetings consist of panel discussions, special speakers, and/or group discussions with socializing following the main program.

For further information about GWP, Inc., call (314) 241-1691.

## RICHMOND

Recently The Virginia Supreme Court ruled that a parent living with a homosexual partner is not fit to have custody of a child because the youngster would be burdened by "social condemnation." The court said the girl, 10, could not visit her father's home as long as he resides with a homosexual lover.

## LOS ANGELES

An organization for American Gay and Lesbian veterans invites persons to become members if they served (or are serving) in the US service, regardless of discharge status. The organization, VETERANS C.A.R.E. (Veterans Council for American Rights and Equality) is a non-profit, mutual-benefit corporation of gay and lesbian veterans and their friends. VETERANS C.A.R.E. was established to demonstrate the historical contributions of gays and lesbians in the Armed Forces, other veterans' organizations, and the American people about these contributions. For more information, write C.A.R.E., Dept. P, PO Box 69961, Los Angeles, CA 90006.

## WEST HOLLYWOOD

Barney's Beanery has removed a sign reading "Fagots Stay Out" from its bar and ceased the distribution of similarly engraved matchbooks. The action was taken to comply with the wishes of the new City Council.

The sign had been removed in the early 1970s after Gay Liberation members protested, but the sign and matchbooks were revived later.

The owner said he agreed to stop using the slogan to avoid a legal battle that would not serve the best interest of West Hollywood or Barney's Beanery.

The matchbook covers and sign violated an ordinance outlawing discrimination against homosexuals.

Restaurant employees have said that fagot means a bundle of wood and that the derogatory reference toward gays is normally spelled with two "g's."

## CLEAR LAKE

by Rick Spring

The weather in Clear Lake has been absolutely great lately, with sunshine and temperatures in the sixties. People have been enjoying "The Patio" at Gene's Sunset Point Saloon in the afternoon—in the middle of winter no less! The resorts are already sprucing up for summer!

The Cabaret will have a pool tournament every Thursday night in February at 8 PM. The Second Annual Sleaze Award Party will be on the 16th.

A partial schedule for Gene's Saloon for February includes the following: 6th, free spaghetti feed at 6 PM; 9th free movie 2:45; 14th Valentine Party with free buffet at 6; 16th free movie (Rocky Horror). And there is a champagne brunch every Sunday from 10 to 3.

There is always plenty to do in Clear Lake, so drop by and stay awhile.

## SEATTLE

by Phil Salem

The United States Tranvestite-Transsexual Contact Service, which has over 12,000 members, recently opened its first west coast branch in Seattle. The USTV-TS Contact Service is located at 1017 B. East Pike Street and offers free membership to TVs, TSs, gay crossdressers, female impersonators, women admirers, and male admirers. Free information and referral on topics ranging from hormones to electrolysis is available on a 24-hour hotline (206) 624-8266.

USTV-TS Contact Service is a non-profit organization totally supported by the Ina Rubin Foundation.

## BATON ROUGE

The Louisiana sodomy law is under attack by the state's branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

The law, which was enacted in 1805, prohibits "unnatural carnal copulation," and has been interpreted by the Louisiana Supreme Court as meaning oral or anal sex. Such acts between consenting adults—including married couples—in private are felonies with a maximum penalty of \$2000 and/or five years in prison.

Two gay men, two lesbians, and a married couple are plaintiffs in the suit. It is believed that the statute is the legal foundation for anti-gay discrimination in the state.

## DAYTON

The National Federation of Parents & Friends of Gay (NFPFOG) wants to establish a chapter in Dayton/Northern Miami Valley area.

The NG/PFOG was organized in August 1980 to serve the needs of individuals and families concerned with variant sexualities. Its primary outreach is to parents and families of gay persons. It also counsels others who are concerned and attempting to understand and/or cope with homosexuality and related issues including: children and spouses of gays, gay youth, abused and abandoned gays, and gays who are parents.

## EUREKA

A Phone Tree is available in the Humboldt area for women who want to know what's happening in the community. The Phone Tree has information about events such as women's picnics, pot-lucks, parties, and concerts. For information, call Dotty or Sherry at (707) 822-0563.

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About 11 percent of the 200 men tested are heterosexual. The remainder are homosexual. All live in one of 19 census tracts in San Francisco where AIDS has been most prevalent.

The new study, co-authored by Dr. Robert Anderson, Director of the Men's Health Project, and Dr. Jay A. Levy of the University of California at San Francisco, is believed to be more representative of gay men in that city than were earlier studies.

Men in the study who were more sexually active had higher levels of the antibody for AIDS virus.

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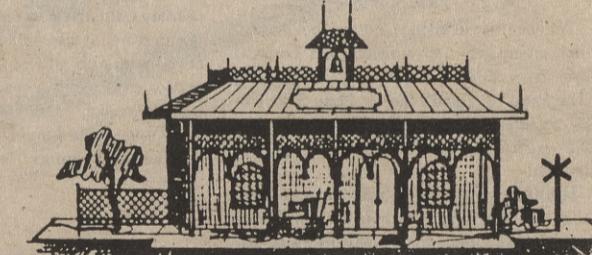
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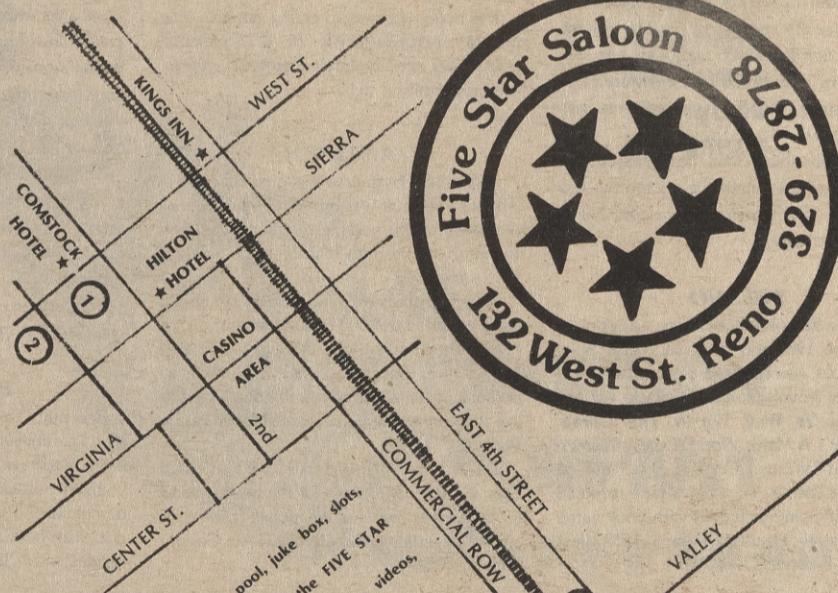
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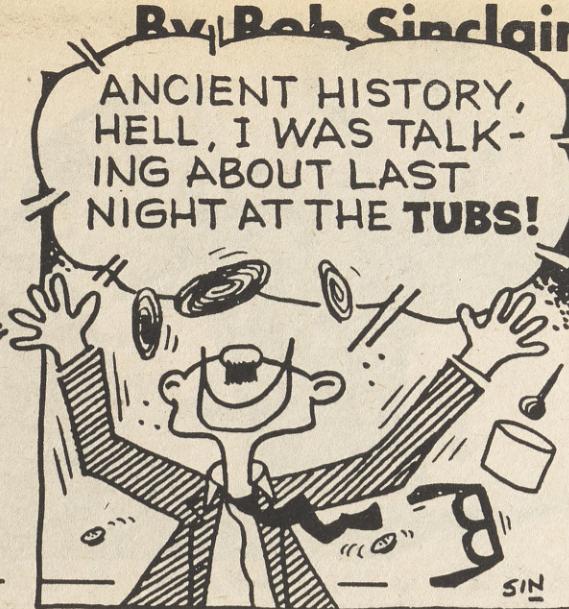
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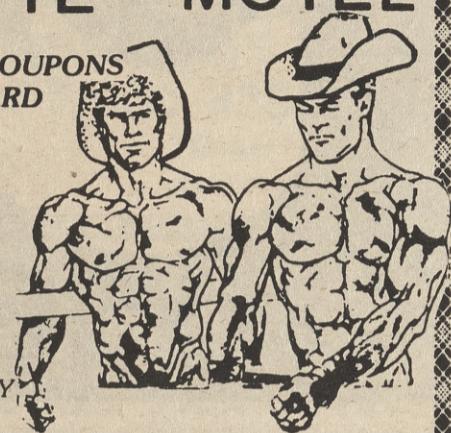
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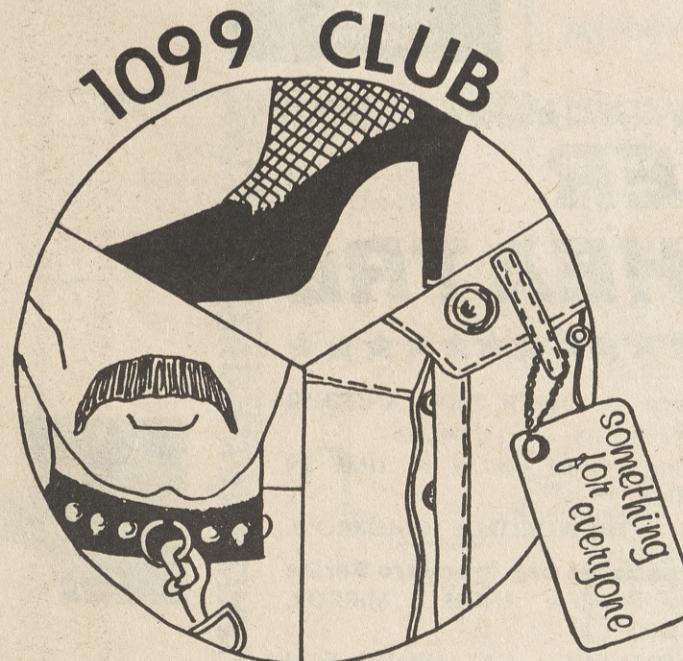
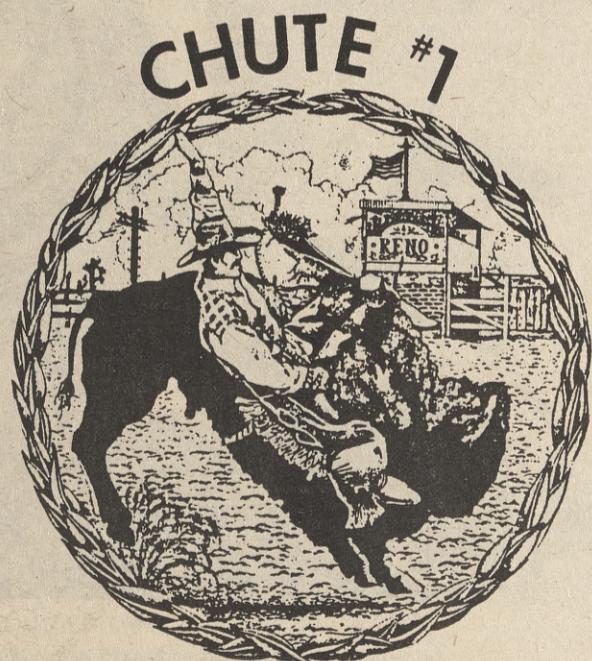
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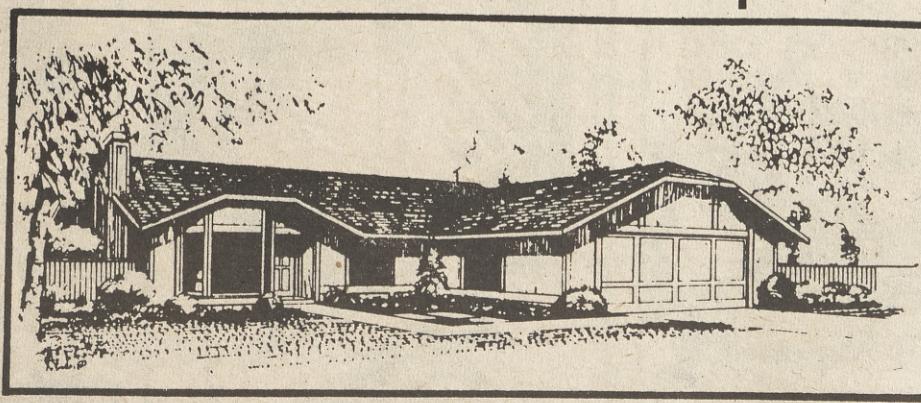
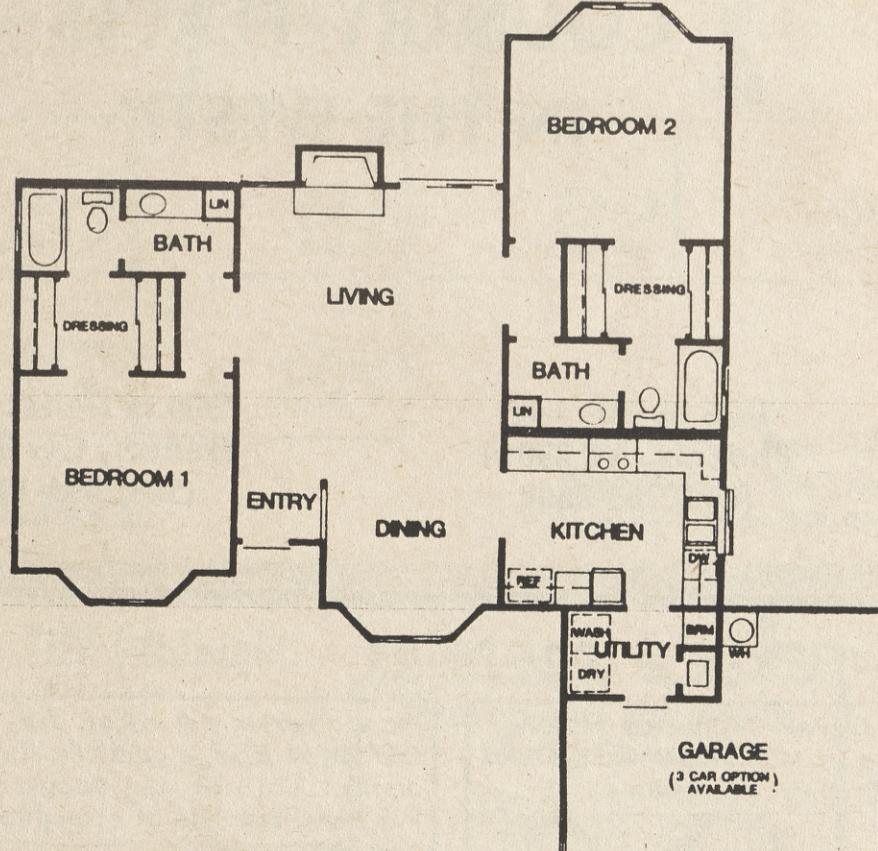
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The proposals were defeated by margins of more than four to one in the referendum.

Members of Houston's homosexual community said they were not discouraged. And gay activists said they would continue to screen candidates for political office and provide help to those endorsed. Opponents of the measures pledged to campaign against officials who supported them.

commercial Telegraph Avenue.

Recently, the opening of a third gay bar in the area make it one of the most concentrated gay-bar sections of the city, catering to a heavily black clientele. In addition, there are two adult bookstores in the area which are patronized by both straights and gays.

The relative ease in transferring liquor licenses, zoning, and proximity to public transportation have been cited as reasons for gay bars to move into the area. Estimates of the gay population in Oakland go as high as 35,000.

In addition to the three gay bars on upper Telegraph, there are about eight other gay and lesbian establishments scattered around Oakland.

The upper Telegraph bars reflect the variety of gay lifestyles. One is an ethnically mixed, upscale gay bar and eatery, another is a youth-oriented black gay disco, and the third is a gathering place for gay men where cross-dressing is acceptable.

The Cable's Reef at 2272 Telegraph is the newest bar in the area. The Club Bella Napoli, which has a disco, is located at 2330 Telegraph, and the Town and Country Bar is located at 2022 Telegraph.

### OAKLAND

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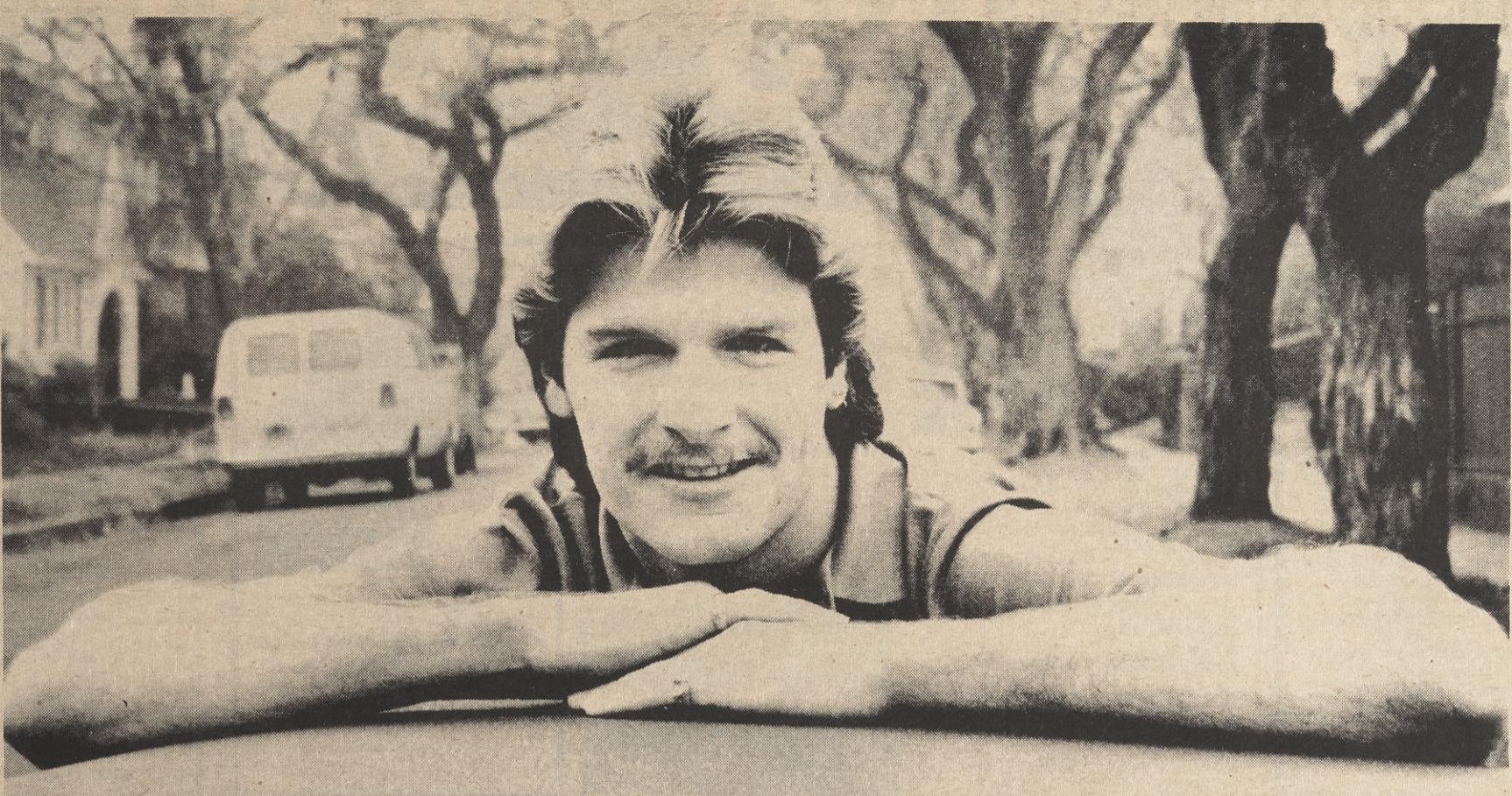


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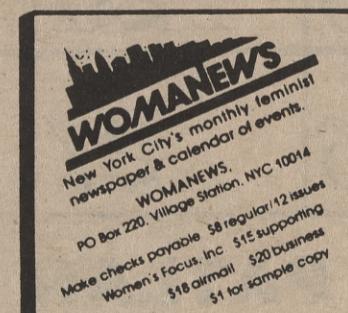
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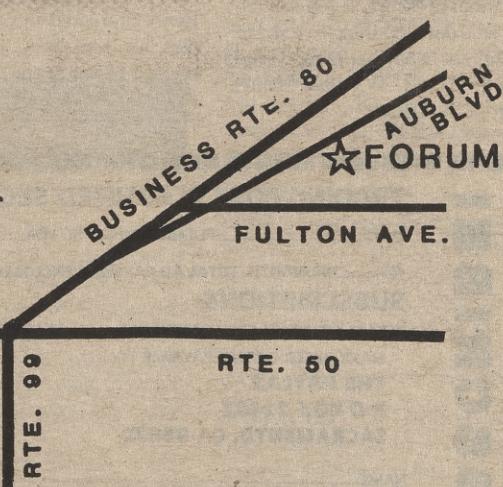
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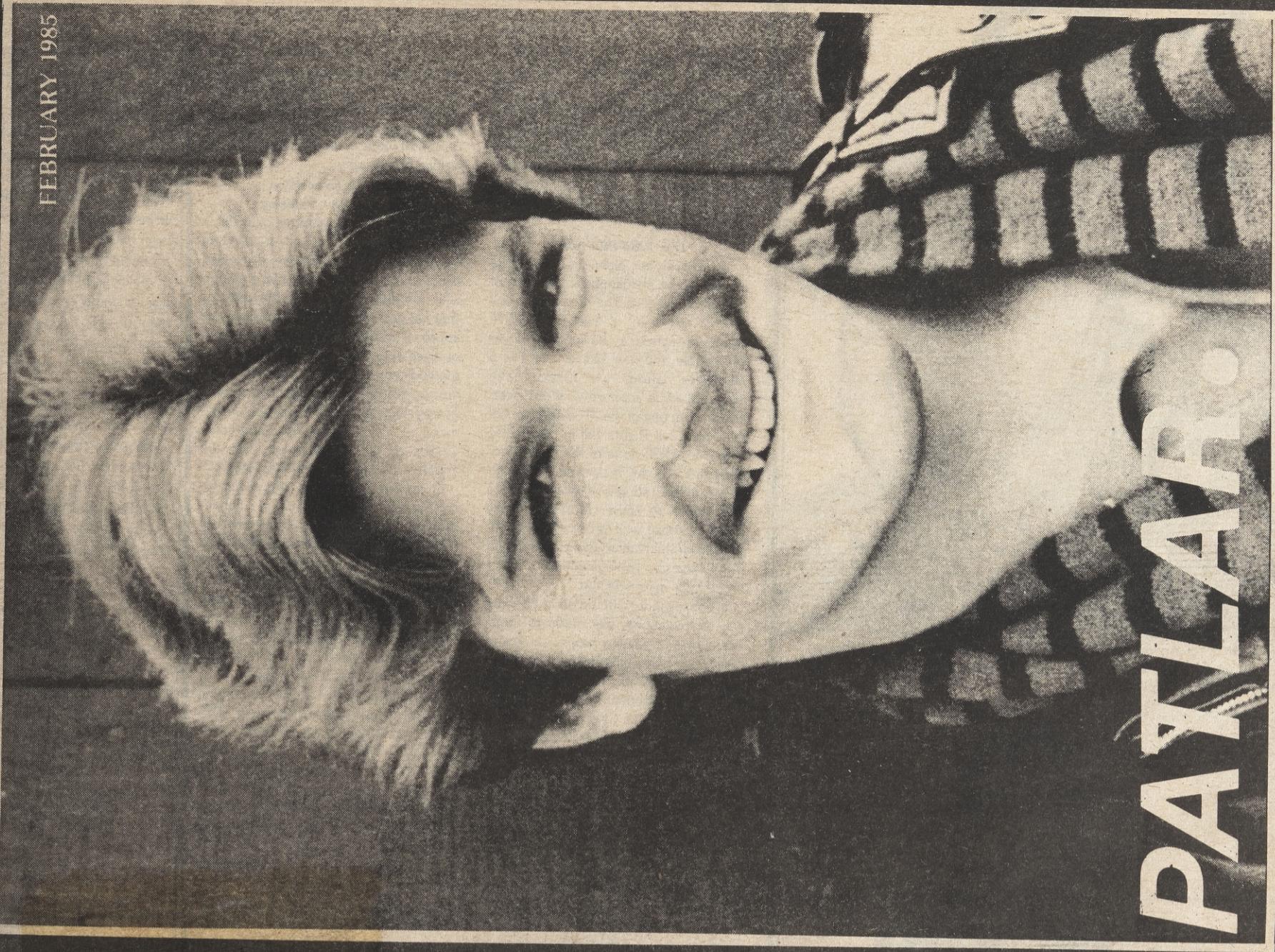
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